

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 (currently amended). An edulcorating soluble composition in the form of a powder ~~consisting essentially of~~ containing from 50 to 98% by weight of inulin and from 0.2 to 50% by weight of at least one ~~synthetic~~ sweetener, wherein said at least one sweetener is a synthetic sweetener and wherein said inulin is present in admixture with chitosan.

2. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 1, wherein said composition has an apparent density of from 430 to 550 g/l.

3-4 (cancelled).

5 (original). A composition according to claim 1, wherein from 10 to 13% by weight of the composition itself has a granulometry of 400-800  $\mu\text{m}$ , from 30 to 50% by weight of the composition itself has a granulometry of 200-400  $\mu\text{m}$  and from 8 to 16% by weight of the composition itself has a granulometry lower than 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .

6 (original). A composition according to claim 5, wherein from 11 to 12% by weight of the composition itself has a granulometry of 400-800  $\mu\text{m}$ , from 35 to 45% by weight of the composition itself has a granulometry of 200-400  $\mu\text{m}$  and from 9 to 15% by weight of the composition itself has a granulometry lower than 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .

7-8 (cancelled).

9 (previously presented). A composition according to claim 1 wherein said at least one synthetic sweetener is present in an amount of 0.5-5 % of the weight of said inulin.

10-26 (cancelled).

27 (previously presented). A composition according to claim 1, wherein said composition has an apparent density of from 400 to 600 g/l.

28 (previously presented). A composition according to claim 1, wherein said synthetic sweetener is selected from the group consisting of acesulfame K, aspartame, cyclamic acid, the sodium salts of cyclamic acid, the calcium salts of cyclamic acid, saccharine, the sodium salts of saccharine, the potassium salts of saccharine, the calcium salts of saccharine, thaumatococin and neohesperidin DC.